



Date: August 26, 2015  
To: Deschutes County Board of Commissioners  
From: Judith Ure, Management Analyst  
Subject: Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee Recommendations

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### **Special Transportation Fund Formula Grant Process**

Each biennium, Deschutes County receives an allocation from the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Special Transportation Fund (STF) Formula Grant Program for the purpose of supporting transportation services for the elderly and people with disabilities. These funds are distributed by the County to local service providers through a competitive grant process. Applications are reviewed by the County's Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee (STFAC) which then formulates a recommendation for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners. Upon Board approval, staff submits an application to ODOT as required to receive the funds, and begins the process of preparing individual contracts with recipient agencies.

Deschutes County reimburses grant recipients on a quarterly basis. Payments are made only after each provider submits a status report that details revenue and expenses, trips provided, hours and miles driven, equipment operated, and accident history for the reporting period.

### **Amount Available**

Deschutes County's 2015-17 biennium STF formula allocation from ODOT is \$978,556, of which \$4,000 will be retained by the County to offset administrative expenses. In addition, the County received supplemental funding late in fiscal year 2014-15 in the amount of \$60,866 which will also be distributed during the 2015-17 biennium, making a total of \$1,035,422 available for grants to local service providers.

The STO allocation for the same period is \$50,284, making a total of \$541,896 available for grants to local service providers.

### **Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee Recommendations**

Deschutes County received three applications requesting funding in the amount of \$1,258,760 for the 2015-17 biennium. All of this year's applicant agencies have been awarded STF grants by Deschutes County in the past and have a strong record of performance within the grant guidelines.

The Deschutes County STFAC convened in a public meeting held on August 12, 2015 to review applications for funding and to develop a recommendation for STF and STO distribution. Applicant agencies were invited to attend that meeting and were given an opportunity to further describe their services and requests for funding. The Committee's recommendation, which appears below along with a history of past awards, is based on the amount available for distribution, written and verbal information provided by the applicants, and priorities identified in the Deschutes County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan. The last column in the following chart outlines the resulting recommendation of the STF Committee and represents a composite of STF and carried-over funds.

Agency	2007-09 Award	2009-11 Award	2011-13 Award	2013-15 Award(s)	2015-17 Recommendation
Bend Dial-A-Ride	281,075	360,000	245,376	182,950	0
Central Oregon Council on Aging	49,113	0	0	0	0
Abilitree	22,138	31,018	23,036	65,880	116,372
Opportunity Foundation	44,883	60,000	48,944	85,290	76,000
Residential Assistance Program	0	0	0	0	0
Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers	0	0	0	0	0
DHS Volunteer Services	31,866	44,000	39,278	0	0
Central Cascade Lines	41,409	0	0	0	0
Cascades East Transit	88,949	250,588	245,376	521,279	843,050
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$559,433</b>	<b>\$745,606</b>	<b>\$602,010</b>	<b>\$855,399</b>	<b>\$1,053,422</b>

### Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve the recommendations of the STFAC and to submit the County's STF grant applications to ODOT upon approval.



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## **AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT**

### **For Board Business Meeting of August 31, 2015**

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**DATE:** August 26, 2015

**FROM:** Judith Ure                      Administrative Services              541 330 4627

**TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:**

Consideration of 2015-2017 Special Transportation Fund (STF) grant allocations.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS DATE?** No.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

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Additional background information which includes a list of recommended recipients and amounts for the 2015-17 biennium is attached. Upon Board approval, staff will submit an application for funding to ODOT and begin the process of preparing individual contracts with recipient agencies.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Both the anticipated grant revenue from ODOT to Deschutes County and the recommended first-year expenditures totaling \$526,711 are included in the County's fiscal year 2015-16 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION & ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve STFAC recommendations and authorize staff to submit corresponding application to ODOT, as required for the County to receive funds.

**ATTENDANCE:** Judith Ure, Management Analyst

**DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS:** N/A